

AT GREENLAW

The tenth Day of January, one Thousand, seven
Hundred and Eighty-three Years.

THE Noblemen, Gentlemen and Heritors of the County of Berwick, at a general Meeting assembled in consequence of an Advertisement in the Edinburgh News-papers having taken under Consideration the present high Prices of Grain, from whence there is reason to apprehend that many of the industrious Inhabitants of this County will be unable to maintain themselves from the Profits of their Labour, are therefore unanimously of Opinion that it should be recommended; and accordingly do hereby recommend to the Heritors and Inhabitants of the different Parishes to enquire into the Circumstances of the industrious Poor, and to assess themselves in Addition to their usual Poors Rates, in such a Sum as they shall from Time to Time find necessary to purchase Meal to be retailed to such Persons in their respective Parishes as they shall judge to be proper Objects of Charity, at such a Price as they can afford to pay from the Profits of their Labour, and recommend to the Clerk to transmit Copies of this Resolution to the different Ministers in the Shire, and to request the Favour of them in the Name of the Meeting to take the first Opportunity of laying the same before the Heritors and Inhabitants of the Parish.

And, as it is of the utmost Importance to the Publick that Industry be not discouraged by the Admission of improper Objects to the Benefit of this Relief in the Time of the present Scarcity, the Meeting do further beg leave to recommend to the Attention of the Heritors of the County, that no Person be admitted to partake of the Charity but after a minute Investigation into their Character and Circumstances.

(Signed) HOME P. Extracted by
JOHN COCKBURN, Clerk